

REMARKS

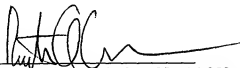
Claims 1-18 and 33-37 remain pending in the application. Claims 6, 9, 15-19, 21, 26, 30 and 33 have been amended to correct multiple dependencies. Also claim 33 has been amended to include the recitations from claim 26 and the claims referred to by claim 26 in place of the reference to claim 26. Accordingly, the amendments to the claims do not limit the original scope of these claims.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21581-00256-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated:

Respectfully submitted,

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